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Security Council

3.30 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	44th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [65]

   Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/84, A/63/305 and A/63/305/Corr.1)

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/81, A/63/277 and A/63/348)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

   (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/295)

   (ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.21)

   (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/63/75)

2. Report of the International Criminal Court: draft resolution (A/63/L.19) [69]

3. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/108) [105 (h)]

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the commemorative plenary meeting devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (agenda item 64) will be held *today*, 11 November 2008, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held as follows, in Conference Room 6:

Today, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m.;

Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.,
Thursday, 13 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and
Friday, 14 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). The compilations and Facilitators' proposals are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 19.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Delegations who have not yet inscribed on the list of speakers for the meeting of the General Assembly on agenda item 45 (Culture of peace), to be held on Wednesday, 12, and Thursday, 13 November 2008, in the General Assembly Hall, are kindly invited to send their request, *in writing*, as soon as possible to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (fax 1 (212) 963-4230).

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 8

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "Overcoming economic insecurity"

Chair

H.E. Mrs. Uche Joy Ogwu (Nigeria), Chairperson of the Second Committee

Moderator

Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Panellists

Mr. Yaga V. Reddy, former Governor, Reserve Bank of India;

Mr. Robert Kuttner, Co-Founder and Co-Editor of *The American Prospect* magazine, and Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos; and

Mr. Michael Klare, Five College Professor of Peace and World Security Studies (a joint appointment at Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst)

[*Note:* Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6.30 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 39th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.54 and A/C.3/63/L.56

2. Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [58]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.47 and A/C.3/63/L.57

3. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [62 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.49

4. Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [63]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.48 and A/C.3/63/L.52

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.3/63/L.22, A/C.3/63/L.30, A/C.3/63/L.31, A/C.3/63/L.32, A/C.3/63/L.34, A/C.3/63/L.38 and A/C.3/63/L.39

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . [64 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.26 and A/C.3/63/L.33

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.56

8. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [55 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5

9. Advancement of women . . . . . [56]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.14

10. Indigenous issues . . . . . [61]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.17/Rev.1

11. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.21 and A/C.3/63/L.27

12. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities . . . . . [64 (e)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.37

13. Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10/Rev.1

14. International drug control . . . . . [98]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8/Rev.1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/62/521, A/62/521/Corr.1, A/62/7/Add.32, A/C.5/62/24, A/C.5/62/25 and A/61/357))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability framework and results-based management (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1, A/62/701/Add.1, A/61/805, A/62/704, A/63/268 and A/63/457))

Sixth Committee

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 75 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session)

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 11 November 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference" under agenda item 114 (r)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring stable economic development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 49) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 11 November 2008

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

JUSCANZ Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on financing for development; and on the draft resolution on commodities)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other activities

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Tuesday, 11 November 2008

OLA/UNITAR seminar on the undertaking of treaty actions and the registration of treaties

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[To register for this seminar, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Women's International Forum on "Children and armed conflict" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 11 November 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (monthly press conference)

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (on the upcoming meeting of the General Assembly on the culture of peace)

3.30 p.m. . . . . Ms. Juliette Prodhan, Oxfam aid worker based in Goma (by teleconference); Ms. Fabienne Hara, Vice-President, International Crisis Group; and Mr. Steve Crawshaw, United Nations Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch (on the situation in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo) [sponsored by the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs]

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 12 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 45th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Culture of peace . . . . . [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/262)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/127)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.23 and A/63/L.24)

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows, in Conference Room 8: Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3.30 to 6 p.m. (in Conference Room 1); Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 17, to Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[*Note*: An informal meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 November, from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, by Ambassador David Balton, Chairman of the seventh round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (ICSP-7), in preparation of the anticipated eighth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties.]

Main Committees

Second Committee

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Post-conflict State capacity: Reconstructing public administration for conflict prevention, recovery and development", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address the concrete challenges of reconstructing governance and the public service after conflict.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gay Rosenblum-Kumar, Division for Public Administration and Development Management (tel. 1 (212) 963-8381; e-mail rosenblum-kumar@un.org).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 12 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "HIV/AIDS and peacekeeping" on Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, at expert level, are kindly requested to contact by *Friday, 5 December*, the secretariat of the Permanent Forum (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). The documents for the meeting are available at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the UNICEF accountability system on Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 43) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International financial system and development" (under agenda item 47 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution of international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-1527A.

Informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 18 and 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Group of Eastern European States (at the expert level)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Forthcoming other activities

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DPI/NGO briefing on "World Diabetes Day: Providing assistance to children with diabetes"

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Relations, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail secgtion1d@un.org).]

Panel Discussion on "Access to essential medicines for children with diabetes in the developing world" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh and sponsored by the International Diabetes Federation, on the occasion of World Diabetes Day)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Abdul Alim, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh (tel. 1 (212) 867-3434, ext. 210 or 218; fax 1 (212) 972-4038; e-mail alim@un.int).]

Briefing on "United States policy responses to the financial crisis and the outcomes of the 15 November Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy" (organized by the United States Mission and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All Permanent Representatives or their delegates are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Kalajian, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4075; e-mail kalajianl@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on trends and developments in official development assistance to the least developed countries (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Borchers, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4284; or e-mail borchers@un.org).]

Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Progress in implementing One United Nations reform: Political challenges, parliamentary perspectives" (organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08/191108.pdf>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Panel discussion on "Choosing our future: Investing in people or spending on weapons?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Villalobos, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 16; e-mail villalobos.anacr@gmail.com).]

2008 Parliamentary Hearing on "Towards effective peacekeeping and the prevention of conflict — Delivering on our commitments" (jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Office of the President of the General Assembly)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08.htm>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and othe accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil societ organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables is *now open* until Monday, 17 November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations are kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 7 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

24th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [29]

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [30]

The Chairman made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Indonesia introducing an oral amendment to the draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.11.

The Secretary of the Committee made statement.

Action on draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 29

A/C.4/63/L.11

The draft resolution entitled "Assistance to Palestine refugees" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 158 to 1, with 6 abstentions.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

A/C.4/63/L.12

The draft resolution entitled "Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 158 to 6, with 2 abstentions.

A/C.4/63/L.13

The draft resolution entitled "Operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 160 to 6, with one abstention.

A/C.4/63/L.14

The draft resolution entitled "Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 161 to 6, with one abstention.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iceland and Norway.

Action on draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 30

A/C.4/63/L.15

The draft resolution entitled "Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 87 to 8, with 70 abstentions.

A/C.4/63/L.16

The draft resolution entitled "Applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the other Occupied Arab Territories" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 161 to 6, with 2 abstentions.

A/C.4/63/L.17

The draft resolution entitled "Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Occupied Syrian Golan" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 161 to 6, with 2 abstentions.

A/C.4/63/L.18

The draft resolution entitled "Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 155 to 8, with 5 abstentions.

A/C.4/63/L.19

The draft resolution entitled "The Occupied Syrian Golan" was adopted, by a recorded vote of 161 to 1, with 7 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia), Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Canada.

The representatives of Yemen and the Syrian Arab Republic and by the observer for Palestine made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 29 and 30.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its work for the main part of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Monday, 10 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

42nd plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States: draft resolution (A/63/L.20) . . . . . [114 (n)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (n) of agenda item 114.

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.20.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.20 (resolution 63/17).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (n) of agenda item 114.

The President made an appeal to those Member States intending to submit draft resolutions on the remaining sub-items of agenda item 114 to do so as soon as possible.

The situation in Afghanistan . . . . . [17]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/372)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.17)

The representative of Germany made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.17.

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan, France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), the Russian Federation (on behalf of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization), Armenia (on behalf of the Collective Security Treaty Organization), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Kuwait, India, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, Norway, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Poland, Malaysia and Turkey.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.17 (resolution 63/18).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 17.

43rd plenary meeting

The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development . . . . . [20]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/63/511)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.18)

The representative of Guatemala made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.18.

The representative of Spain made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.18 (resolution 63/19).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 20.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [65]

Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/84, A/63/305 and A/63/305/Corr.1)

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/81, A/63/277 and A/63/348)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/295)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.21)

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/63/75)

The representative of Yemen made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.21.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Grenada (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and India (also on behalf of Sweden).

General Assembly

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Opening of the Pledging Conferences

The Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, called to order the 2008 Pledging Conferences and made a statement, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Election of officers

The Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, invited delegations to proceed to the election of the President.

H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz (Chile) was elected, by acclamation, as President of the 2008 Pledging Conferences.

The President addressed the Conferences.

H.E. Mr. Joseph Nsengimana (Rwanda), Mr. Ranko Vilović (Croatia) and Mr. Emil Breki Hreggvidsson (Iceland) were elected as Vice-Presidents of the 2008 Pledging Conferences.

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

1st meeting

The President opened the 2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

Statements of pledges

Statements were made and pledges were announced by the representatives of Indonesia, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Myanmar, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Kuwait, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Mauritania, China, Morocco, Samoa, Mexico and Croatia.

The Secretary made a statement.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report, as contained in document A/CONF.208/2008/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), made a closing statement.

The Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director, Partnerships Bureau, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), made a closing statement, on the behalf of the Administrator, UNDP.

The Director, Public Sector Alliances and Resource Mobilization Office, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), made a closing statement, on behalf of the Executive Director, UNICEF.

The Chief, Resource Mobilization Branch, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), made a closing statement, on behalf of the Executive Director, UNFPA.

The Vice-President (Rwanda) declared the 2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

1st meeting

The Vice-President (Rwanda) opened the 2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

Statement of pledges

Statements were made and pledges were announced by the representatives of Luxembourg and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report, as contained in document A/CONF.209/2008/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Director, World Food Programme Liaison Office, New York, made a closing statement.

The Vice-President (Rwanda) declared the 2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme closed.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

313th meeting

The Chairman made a statement on a number of activities, which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

The situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and developments in the political process

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Consideration of the draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chairman introduced draft resolutions entitled "Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People", "Division for Palestinian Rights", "Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat" and "Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine".

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement on the upcoming activities of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Accession: Guinea-Bissau (7 November 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Accession: Georgia (4 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 10 November 2008.

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